Wednesday, January 18, 1961

HIGHLIGHTS

House received President's Economic Report.

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held Friday, January 20, at 11 a.m.

Committee Meetings

NOMINATIONS—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee, in executive session, authorized the chairman to report, when received by the Senate, nominations of the following nominees-designate to positions in the Defense Department: Robert S. McNamara, Secretary of Defense; Roswell L. Gilpatric, Deputy Secretary of Defense; Charles J. Hitch, Assistant Secretary of Defense (Comptroller); Arthur Sylvester, Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs); Paul H. Nitze, Assistant Secretary of Defense (International Security Affairs); Thomas D. Morris, Assistant Secretary of Defense (Supply and Logistics); Cyrus R. Vance, General Counsel, Department of Defense; John B. Connally, Secretary of the Navy; Eugene M. Zuckert, Secretary of the Air Force; and Elvis J. Stahr, Jr., Secretary of the Army. Committee approval was given to these nominees-designate subject to their agreement to dispose of stocks in companies having contracts with the Defense Department. The disposal of such stocks would be accomplished within a reasonable time, not to exceed 90 days. The chairman was requested to appoint a subcommittee to make recommendations concerning committee policy on disposal by future nominees of securities in organizations having Defense Department contracts.

Prior to this action, in open session, committee heard testimony in their own behalf from Messrs. Connally, Zuckert, Nitze, Hitch, Vance, Sylvester, and Morris. Senators Yarborough and Blakley spoke in behalf of Mr. Connally.

AREA REDEVELOPMENT

Committee on Banking and Currency: Subcommittee on Production and Stabilization began hearings on S. 1, 6, and 9, area redevelopment bills, receiving testimony from Senators Metcalf, Randolph, Byrd of West Virginia, Cooper, and Kefauver; Representatives Flood and Gray; Julian Stein, representing Gov. Millard Tawes of Maryland; and Hugh Mields, American Municipal Association.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee, in executive session, agreed to report, when received by the Senate, the nominations of Douglas Dillon, Secretary of the Treasury-designate, and Abraham Ribicoff, Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare-designate.

Committee also considered, but took no final action on, H.J. Res. 107, to exempt from excise taxes admissions to inaugural functions.

NOMINATIONS-STATE, AND U.N.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee announced that it had unanimously approved the prospective nominations of Dean Rusk, Secretary of State-designate, and Adlai Stevenson, U.S. Representative to the U.N.-designate.

Prior to this action, in open session, Mr. Stevenson testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NOMINATION—COMMERCE

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Committee, in executive session, voted unanimously to report, when received by the Senate, the nomination of Luther Hodges, Secretary of Commerce-designate.

Prior to this action, in open session, testimony was received in his behalf from Senators Ervin and Jordan. Also, the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee, in executive session, approved, pending receipt by the Senate, the prospective nominations of Archibald Cox, Solicitor General-designate; Byron R. White, Deputy Attorney General-designate; and William H. Orrick, Jr., Assistant Attorney General (Civil Division)-designate.

Prior to this action, in open session, Senator Smith of Massachusetts spoke in behalf of Mr. Cox, and Senators Carroll and Allott, spoke in behalf of Mr. White. The nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee, in executive session, ordered favorably reported S. Res. 19, authorizing payment of funeral expenses for the late Senator Hennings; and an original resolution authorizing the preparation and printing of a new edition of the Senate Manual.

Also, the committee considered various organizational matters and agreed to set its regular meeting days as the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 10 a.m. The committee considered subcommittee appointments, but did not conclude action thereon, and will resume consideration of this matter at its next meeting on Wednesday, January 25.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 114 public bills, H.R. 2852-2965; 46 private bills, H.R. 2966-3011; and 21 resolutions, H.J. Res. 149-155, H. Con. Res. 92-101, and H. Res. 113-116, were introduced.

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Representative Vinson was designated by the Speaker to act as Speaker pro tempore on Friday, January 20.

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President's Message—Nuclear NATO Weapons: Received and read a message from the President relative to agreement for cooperation by Republic of Italy regarding introduction and use of modern weapons by NATO forces. The message was referred to the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy.

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President's Message—Economic Report: Heard the reading of a message from the President transmitting his Economic Report. The report was referred to the Joint Economic Committee and ordered printed as a House document (H. Doc. 28).

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Adjournment: Adjourned at 1:08 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

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Both Houses attended inaugural ceremonies.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Bills Introduced: 4 bills and 16 resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 504-507; S.J. Res. 34-35; and S. Res. 47-60.

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

- S. Res. 47, authorizing certain investigations and expenditures by Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs (no written report)—referred to Committee on Rules and Administration; and
- S. Res. 48-60, authorizing investigations of various matters by Committee on the Judiciary and authorizing expenditures therefor (no written report)—referred to Committee on Rules and Administration. For more details see actions of Committee on the Judiciary under today's heading "Committee Meetings."

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President's Message—Economic Report: President's message transmitting Economic Report was laid down and referred to Joint Economic Committee.

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Smithsonian Institution: It was announced that Vice President has appointed Senators Saltonstall and Anderson as members of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

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Inauguration of President Kennedy: Shortly after convening, the Senate proceeded to East Front of the Capitol for the inaugural ceremonies. Pages 1010-1013

Nominations: The following nominations by President Kennedy were received by the Senate: Dean Rusk, of New York, to be Secretary of State; Douglas Dillon, of New Jersey, to be Secretary of the Treasury; Robert S. McNamara, of Michigan, to be Secretary of Defense; Robert F. Kennedy, of Massachusetts, to be Attorney